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Donegal County Council



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## Donegal ~ Irish Diaspora Conference

*1916....'she now seizes that moment.... supported by her exiled children in America and by gallant allies in Europe'.....*

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**Date: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> & Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

**Venue: Letterkenny Institute of Technology  
Port Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal**

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	<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016</b>
9.30am	<b>Sign in &amp; Refreshments (tea/coffee/scones)</b>
10.00 – 10.15	<b>Welcome Address &amp; Opening</b>  Cllr Ciaran Brogan, Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council
10.15 – 11.00	<b>Conference Overview</b>  Victoria Denoon, Center of Irish Partnerships at UMass Lowell
11.00 – 11.45	<b>'Famine, Death and Diaspora: Ireland and the Scottish Highlands Compared'</b>  Professor Emeritus Sir Tom Devine, The University of Edinburgh
11.45 – 12.30	<b>'1916: The Last Jacobite Rebellion'?</b>  Dr. Éamonn Ó Ciardha, Ulster University
12.30 – 1.15	<b>'The Dead Walked Around'?: Republicanism in West Ulster, Before and After 1916</b>  Professor Breandán Mac Suibhne, Centenary College, New Jersey
1.15	<b>Lunch</b>
2.00 – 2.45	<b>'Erskine and Molly Childers: A Gunrunning Love Story'</b>  Kevin Cullen Boston Globe Columnist
2.45 – 3.30	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <i>"....The Republic the signatories envisaged in the Proclamation is ours to achieve. Together, we have the power to realise the possibility of an inclusive future, in which we share our Republic and its opportunities with all who belong to her – both here and abroad...."</i> President Michael D. Higgins  Moderator Victoria Denoon, Center of Irish Partnerships at UMass Lowell
3.30	<b>Launch</b> - As part of the implementation of the County Donegal Heritage Plan, the County Donegal Heritage Office and the County Donegal Heritage Forum in partnership with The Heritage Council will be launching a booklet they have produced on the <b>cultural migration and material culture of Donegal communities abroad</b> . The booklet is the second in the 'Donegal Heritage Series' produced by the County Donegal Heritage Office and narrative accounts focus on selected historical migration patterns to America, Canada, Scotland and England but the emphasis is on case studies involving the material culture/heritage of Donegal people abroad.  Music to be provided by renowned-Donegal fiddler Danny Meehan & Caoimhín Mac Aoidh

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	<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016</b>
9.30am	Sign in & Refreshments (tea/coffee/scones)
10.00 – 10.30	<p><b>'Donegal its Diaspora -Opportunities for 2016 and Beyond'</b></p> <p>Seamus Neely, CEO Donegal County Council</p>
10.30 – 11.15	<p><b>'1916-2016: Moment, Memory and Remembrance'</b></p> <p>Professor Paul Arthur, Ulster University</p>
11.15	<b>Break – Tea &amp; Coffee</b>
11.30 – 12.15	<p><b>'Irish History and Politics as Inspiration for Progressive Irish American Politics'</b></p> <p>Michael Patrick MacDonald, Arthur in Residence at Northeastern University</p>
12.15-1.00	<p><b>'The Impact of the 2016 American Election on Immigration and Visa Policy'</b></p> <p>Dr. Francis T. Talty, Centre of Irish Partnerships at UMass Lowell</p>
1.00pm	<p><b>Close of Conference - Final Words</b></p> <p>Victoria Denoon, Center of Irish Partnerships at UMass Lowell</p>

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